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SUBJECT: SYRIAN FONMIN'S THREAT TO ANNEX LEBANON

1. ACCORDING TO TWO USUALLY RELIABLE AND INDEPENDENT SOURCES, FONMIN KHADDAM'S STATEMENT TO KUWAITI PRESS (KUWAIT 0122) THAT SYRIA WOULD ANNEX LEBANON IF LEBANESE ACTED TO PARTITION THEIR COUNTRY WAS UNAUTHORIZED AND ILL-RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT ASAD.

2. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR PEKIC TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT ACCORDING TO CLOSE FRIEND ON BAATH PARTY NATIONAL COMMAND, ASAD HAD BEEN FURIOUS WITH KHADDAM'S STATEMENT, WHICH HE CONSIDERED HIGHLY PROVOCATIVE AND DAMAGING TO SYRIA'S DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN LEBANON.

3. SYRIAN BUSINESSMAN AHMAD AL-ADLY, WHO IS CLOSE TO PRESIDENT AND AN ACCURATE REPORTER OF ASAD'S THINKING, TOLD US THAT IN MEETING WITH HIM LAST WEEK ASAD HAD STRONGLY CRITICIZED KHADDAM'S
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STATEMENT. (AL-ADLY PERSONALLY BELIEVES THAT STATEMENT HELPED TRIGGER PHALANGIST BLOCKADE OF TEL ZAAATAR CAMP AND RESULTANT REKINDLING OF BEIRUT CONFLICT.) KHADDAM'S INDISCRETION, ADLY

ASSERTED, COULD LEAD TO HIS REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.

4. COMMENT: WE CAN BELIEVE THAT ASAD WAS UNHAPPY
AT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER'S OUTBURST. AT SAME TIME
WE DOUBT THAT HIS DISMISSAL WILL BE A LIKELY
CONSEQUENCE, HOWEVER MUCH THAT MIGHT BE WELCOMED
BY HIS "FRIENDS" SUCH AS HIS EGYPTIAN COLLEAGUE
WHO, ALONG WITH THE REST OF US, HAS SMARTED FROM
ROUGHNESS OF THE "FASTEST TONGUE IN THE EAST."
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